

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 14 July 65 15/0335Z	2. LOCATION Charleston, South Carolina
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite (ECHO I)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round object no tail or trail. Passed West to East at about 85 deg elevation. Passed over head and changed direction to SE. Silver color. Zig-Zag as course changed. WX high thin clouds. Thunderstorms had just passed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	COMMENTS: WX in area conducive to distortion in appearance of object. Change in direction and zig-zag attributed to these conditions or illusion. Flight regarded as straight. Duration consistent with Satellite and appearance of object in accord with this analysis. ECHO I was over Charleston at 1016, 55 deg elevation moving SE. Possible error in time. Observation regarded as ECHO I. If not ECHO I, then one of the other visible Satellites.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1, SMB-1 (22)

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FM 1608 ATW CHASN AFB SC

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUWTRAA/73AIRDIV TYNDAL AFB FLA

RUEBBAA/AFSC

RUEBHQA/HQ USAF

RUEBHQA/OSAF WASH DC

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COMPLIANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING UFO INFORMATION IS

SUBMITTED: DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: ROUND, SIZE OF PIN HEAD, SILER,
ONE, NO TAIL OR TRAIL, NO SOUND, NO OTHER DISCERNIBLE FEATURES.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: OBSERVERS WERE SITTING OUTDOORS

WATCHING THE STARS WHEN THEY OBSERVED THE OBJECT PASSING WEST

TO EAST AT ABOUT 85 DEGREES ALTITUDE, THEN IT PASSED OVERHEAD AND

AT ABOUT 70 DEGREES ALTITUDE CHANGED COURSE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND

DISAPPEARED A SHORT TIME THEREAFTER. A ZIG ZAN MOTION WAS NOTED

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JUST PRIOR TO AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHANGE OF COURSE. THE OBJECT

WAS OBSERVED FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. ALL OBSERVATION WAS BY NAKED

EYE ONLY. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING WAS 0335 ZULU 15 JUL 65. NIGHT

TIME. OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED AT 79 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST

LONGITUDE AND 32 DEGREES 50 MINUTES NORTH ALTITUDE, THIS BEING THE

CAMPUS OF THE CITADEL IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. VERBAL REPORT

WAS GIVEN BY TWO STUDENTS (CIVILIANS) MR. J. [REDACTED], AGE

21, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE 21, ADDRESS [REDACTED] S.C. BOTH ARE

PRESENTLY STUDENTS AT THE CITADEL. ALTHOUGH MADE AN IMPRESS-

SION OF BEING SINCERE DURING REPORT, RELIABILITY CAN NOT BE DETERMINED.

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OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER WAS THAT SKY WAS CLEAR, THE MOON WAS OUT AND THE STARS WERE CLEARLY VISIBLE. REPORT FROM AWS HERE AT CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE WAS: 9000 SCATTERED HIGH THIN BROKEN, VISIBILITY 12 NM SURFACE WINDS 210 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS. WINDS AT THE FOLLOWING ALTITUDES: 600 250 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS; 10000 230 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS; 16000 260 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS; 20000 FT 270 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS; 30000 FT 270 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS. CEILING UNKNOWN: VISIBILITY 12NM: CLOUD COVER 9000 SCATTERED HIGH THIN BROKEN; THUNDERSTORMS HAD BEEN IN AREA EARLIER BUT HAD DISIPATED BY PAGE 3 RUWTREA0279 UNCLAS

TIME OF OBSERVATION. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT WAS 3 DEGREES PER 1000 FEET. HREPARING OFFICER'S COMMENTS: DUE TO THE REPORTED BEHAVIOR OF THE OBJECT AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY CORROBORATING INFORMATION, THE REPORTING OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO REACH ANY LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS TO EITHER THE NATURE OF THE OBJECT OR A REASON FOR IT APPEARANCE.

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NOTE: ORIG TRANSMISSION NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMB